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Press Release

"Tree of the Year" to be planted at Leesburg's Arbor Day celebration

A twenty foot tall Miss Chloe Southern Magnolia tree, designated as the "2005 Tree of the Year" by Florida landscapers, will be planted in Fountain Park January 24, at 4:00 p.m. during the city of Leesburg's Arbor Day festivities. Those in attendance will be offered a free native tree seedling to take home, while supplies last, according to Recreation and Parks Director Yvette Hartsfield.

"Miss Chloe is in a 200 gallon container and will be a sizeable and beautiful addition to the park located behind the Leesburg City Hall," Parks Manager Howard Jeffries said. This tree, which is approximately 20 feet tall and over 10 feet wide, was designated the "2005 Tree of the Year" by the Florida Nurserymen Growers and Landscape Association.

"To celebrate Arbor Day, we are giving away free seedlings of several native trees to those in attendance," Jeffries said. The seedlings will include Shumard Oak, Florida Red Maple, Nellie R. Stevens Holly, and a Crape Myrtle cultivar while supplies last.

The program is free and the public is encouraged to attend. There will be a brief presentation by city officials and light refreshments will be served. For additional information call 352-728-9885.

IF YOU GO:

What— City of Leesburg Arbor Day Celebration
Presented by City of Leesburg Recreation and Parks Department
When— Monday, January 24, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.
Where— Fountain Park, 501 W. Meadow St., Leesburg, FL 34748
Additional Contact— Howard Jeffries, Parks Manager (352) 728-8435